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SUBJ: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: FONSEC NOTE OF JUNE 19

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH USG HANDLING OF HIS RECENT NOTE ON THE BRACERO ISSUE, THOUGH HE MENTIONED WHAT HE CONSIDERED HASTY COMMENT BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS BEFORE TEXT HAD BEEN RECEIVED. HE WAS UNHAPPY, HOWEVER, OVER REPORTED STATEMENTS OF INS DIRECTOR CONCERNING 300 NEW AGENTS TO BE USED IN DEALING WITH ILLEGAL ALIENS AND WONDERED WHETHER SUCH STATEMENTS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY GENERAL PUBLIC AS "MAILED FIST" TYPE OF RESPONSE TO HIS INITIATIVE. AMBASSADOR ASSURED FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT STATEMENTS NOT RELATED TO HIS NOTE AND TIMING WAS COINCIDENTAL.

2. POPULAR "24 HOURS" (ZABLUDOVSKY) NEWS PROGRAM ON JUNE 24 CARRIED ITEM ON PORT ISABEL REPATRIATION (DETENTION) CENTER WHICH SHOULD HAVE FAVORABLE IMPACT. COMMENTS BY CENTER DIRECTOR (INS) WERE HELPFUL AND OPEN AND COMMENTS BY MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICER AT CENTER WERE CLEARLY FAVORABLE. CONSUL EXPRESSED INDIGNATION OVER MEXICANS ENGAGED IN ALIEN SMUGGLING (ENGANCHADORES) BUT WAS OBVIOUSLY SATISFIED THERE

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WAS NO ABUSE OF DETAINEES BY U.S. OFFICIALS AT CENTER.

(HIS COMMENTS ARE BEING TRANSCRIBED AND WILL BE REPORTED
SEPTEL.)

3. OFFICER FROM EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION IS NOW VISITING
REPATRIATION CENTERS AT EL CENTRO AND EL PASO IN COMPANY
OF CONSULS GENERAL AT TIJUANA AND CIUDAD JUAREZ RESPECTIVELY.
HIS OBSERVATIONS, WHICH WILL BE REPORTED, SHOULD GIVE EMBASSY
FIRST-HAND INFORMATION TO REFUTE "CONCENTRATION CAMP" CHARGES
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